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BUTTER BRINGS FARM ISSUES INTO OTTAWA LIMELIGHT

Urge Suspension of Order to Color Farm Gasoline

FIXED MINIMUM SOUGHT NOW THAT MAXIMUM IS SET

Flood of Petitions Now Being
Received Concerning Many
Other Primary Products

ROWELL-SIROIS PARLEY

This and St. Lawrence Negotiations
Among Issues Facing Dominion
Authorities

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Jan. 8th.—Under the canopy of war, which overshadows all domestic affairs, the main questions now engaging the close interest of officials in the capital are the coming Rowell-Sirois report conference, the negotiations approaching completion on the St. Lawrence waterway and the pretty complicated skein of farming troubles.

In regard to the last mentioned, the present discussion has assumed a more lively character since the fixing of the maximum wholesale price of butter by the war time Prices and Trade Board on December 27th.

Into the Limelight

This action seemed to bring the troubles of the industry more clearly into the limelight. The fixing of a maximum price has brought from all parts of the country a request that the Government or its agencies should fix a minimum as well as a maximum price for butter. In addition the question has opened a flood gate of petitions to Ottawa about many other primary products. Cabinet Ministers as well as the prices board have been receiving countless requests that the Government should take action to protect the interest of primary producers.

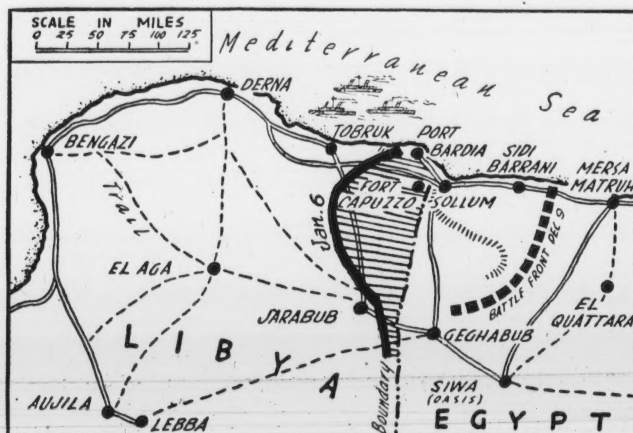
In the case of the prices board, the reply is made that the board was established for a specific object, to prevent excessive enhancement of prices in wartime. Nothing could be done by the board to create minimum prices unless its powers were extended. The whole question is obviously a very complicated one. It is felt here that if the request of butter producers for a fixed minimum price were granted, there would undoubtedly be similar demands for bacon and many other agricultural products. It is said in some quarters that to accede to requests of this kind would mean the establishment of a virtual trade dictatorship.

If the minimum price of butter were fixed, the cheese production might suffer, it is stated, and at this time the Government is deeply concerned over ensuring the full delivery of cheese as well as bacon promised under agreements to Great Britain.

Believed Only Temporary

Fixing of the maximum price for butter will probably be temporary,
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"Operations in Libya Are Continuing"



Pressing on after the capture of Bardia, British forces have already taken the Fascist aerodrome 15 miles south of Bardia, and in Cairo there is some speculation as to whether a drive may not be made 250 miles across the desert to Bengazi, capital of Cyrenaica, eastern part of the vast Libyan Italian possession. The shaded area on the map shows the portion of Libya in British hands or dominated by the British early this week. Since the British army took the offensive in the drive on Sidi Barani in Egypt, it is estimated by military headquarters in London that 94,000 Fascist troops have been rendered ineffective, including 70,000 prisoners, the dead, wounded and missing.

U.F.A. Membership Tops 9,000 in 1940

Convention Will Learn of Steady Increase in Strength
of Organization in Recent Years

When the U.F.A. Convention opens in the Palliser Hotel in Calgary on Tuesday, January 21st, delegates will learn of the steady growth of membership of the organization during the past few years. The enrolment in all branches, we are able to announce, stood at 9,151 at December 31st, 1940, an increase of 717 as compared with the corresponding date in 1939, when

the total was 8,434. In 1938 the figure stood at 6,842; in 1937 at 6,596; and in 1936 at 5,948.

In all cases the actual membership for any one year proves to be slightly greater than the total as recorded on the last day of the year, as arrears of dues continue to come in for many weeks after the year's close in all cases.

A five-year non-aggression agreement has been signed by Thailand (Siam) and Japan.

"The Black Eagle of Harlem" who led Haile Selassie's airmen in the Ethiopian war, has joined the R.A.F. with the rank of Pilot Officer.

Because of objections of the Italian embassy, the mayor of Buenos Aires forbade the showing of Charlie Chaplin's film "The Great Dictator" in that city.

U.S. COPPER EXPORTS

Copper exports from the U.S. to Russia in 1940 were just under 109,000,000 pounds (none before the war); to Japan over 225,000,000 pounds, and to Britain approximately 138,000,000. No shipments were made direct to Germany nor to Nazi-dominated countries.

Oil has been struck at Princess, near Patricia, by Standard Oil drillers. The well is producing crude oil at the rate of 160 barrels daily and gas at about 5,000,000 cubic feet daily.

CASH INCOME U.S. FARMERS

Cash income of U.S. farmers in 1940 was over \$9,050,000,000, including direct payments from the Federal Treasury, according to a Washington estimate. In 1939 farm income was increased by over 10 per cent by government payments to a total of \$8,540,000,000, and the 1938 total was only \$7,632,000,000.

CORPORATION PROFITS

For the first nine months of 1940, net profits of 350 leading corporations in the U.S. were \$869,000,000, or over 42 per cent higher than in the same period in 1939, according to the National City Bank of New York.

FARMER'S POCKET MUST ULTIMATELY MEET COST, STATED

Strong Protest Made by U.F.A.—
Declare Plan Detrimental
to Agriculture

WRITE GOVERNMENT

Urge Huge Steel Requirements of
Plan Also Handicap to
National War Effort

Protesting that a recent order-in-council issued by the Alberta Government, requiring the coloring of all fuel oil except "Ethyl" sold for agricultural uses, will prove seriously detrimental to the interests of the farm people of the Province, Norman F. Priestley, chairman of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Limited, has made strong representations to the Government in behalf of the Association, urging that the new regulation be suspended.

What Order Provides

The order-in-council, passed December 31st last, provides that all such fuel oil "shall be colored and identified by a special purple dye," and that "fuel oil so colored shall be sold only to farmers for consumption in tractors, combines or stationary engines while operated on lands owned or occupied by them, and to other persons, not being employees of farmers, engaged in farm work in Alberta, for consumption in tractors, combines or stationary engines while operated by such persons on farms for agricultural purposes."

It is provided that upon making his purchase, the farmer shall pay to the dealer "a met tax of one cent per gallon," this representing the general tax of seven cents, less the rebate of six cents given on gasoline used for the agricultural purposes referred to.

The order declares the coupon system which has been in use for several years, abolished as from December 31st last.

Letter to Minister

Mr. Priestley's letter, which was addressed to Hon. E. C. Manning, Provincial Secretary, on Saturday last, was in the following terms:

"The Executive of our Association meeting in Calgary today have discussed the situation with which we are confronted by the unexpected announcement of the abandonment of the coupon system. On behalf of our farmer members and farmers generally throughout the Province, we urge strongly that action be suspended in the proposal to substitute the coloring of gasoline for industrial uses.

"We are joining with other representatives of the oil industry in presenting to you the magnitude of the difficulties and expense in the way of putting your regulations in these

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



DAIRY DAN, the Butter Man, says: "If you don't believe in co-operation, observe what happens to a wagon when one wheel comes off."

President's New Year's Message

Dear Members:

Let us one and all concentrate on victory, forgetting the inequalities of sacrifice we are called upon to pay as our contribution to the winning of the war, and also, at the same time, let us firmly resolve that just as determined as we are to do all that lies within our power to feed, clothe and equip our front line forces, we are just as determined to keep up the fight for the rights of the common man.

Let our boys see on their return that we have strengthened our forces on the economic front here at home as a first step toward making this a country more fit for heroes to live in.

If you feel that the best is none too good for the few who are risking their all, get busy, take an active part in your local co-operative—yes right now, even in the very midst of this world conflagration, let us so change the present economic system that the recurrence of wars like our present one will be both unnecessary and not possible. In this way we shall smite both war and Hitlerism at one and the same time, thus sounding once and for all their death knell, and so pave the way that the abiding peace we all desire may become a reality before the close of the present year.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. K. MacShane.

PRESIDENT.

Growing and Still Growing

During the year 1940 we enrolled several hundred new members, and there is every prospect that this process of steady expansion will continue during the coming months.

As an organization of producers operating our own creameries and condensery, we invite all shippers in Central Alberta to join us and share with us the benefits of Co-operation.

We extend to all our Best Wishes for the New Year.

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Producer.....

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At the Home of One of Our Members



Sent to Red Deer Office by the Dairy Pool representative, Alf Rud.

We are pleased to reproduce the photograph above taken on the farm operated by one of our good members in the Bentley district—Mr. John Solomons—a steady shipper of good quality cream to the C.A.D.P.

This farm, 6 miles west of Lacombe, is in a good district with good farm land, but good land needs good cultivation to get good results. Those three snaps will tell the story of what working together will do in a short limit of time if the Lord blesses it.

As immigrants from Holland in 1925 we started farming in the southern part of Saskatchewan and after much striving for a living we had finally to give up on account of the drought and dust storms. In the fall of 1934 we moved to Lacombe to start anew. I am a renter; the owner of the farm is T. H. Newman, builder and contractor at Lacombe.

Started Anew

This farm, at that time, was in a poor condition with poor buildings. With the help of my wife, four boys and one girl (two boys are now married and have good positions), we started anew on this farm.

There were around 90 acres under cultivation, 35 acres good natural pasture and the rest had to be cleared and broken, which we did in the first two years. We summerfallow around 30 acres a year to keep down the weeds and that way raise good crops every year. The wheat averaged 40 bushels, oats 60 bushels, and barley 40 bushels this last year. We have 19 head of cattle including 8 good milk cows and thus get a good amount of cream per year. The steers and heifers from these 8 cows which are not needed on the farm are sold on the market as two-year-olds for beef. We keep an average of from 20 to 25 pigs on the farm the year around and most of these leave the farm before they are 5-1/2 months of age, ready for market. Six horses do the farm work and my two boys help me with the work.

Cleaned Up the Land

There was much work to do on this farm as there were poor buildings on it and lots of weeds. So Mr. Newman built a nice new house and barn, etc., on it while we cleaned up the land as well as we could and laid out the yards with hedges, etc. We have a large garden every year which keeps down expenses and we also sell vegetables during the summer months.

We are all working to please our landlord and that he has done something to please us, you can see on the snapshot of the buildings.

"Eendracht maak. Macht", is an

old Dutch saying which means to work together makes strong. With the help of the landlord and the Lord's blessings, we have been able to bring it thus far for which we are very thankful.

—JOHN SOLOMONS.

That old Dutch saying expresses perfectly the spirit which actuates all who are contributing to the success of their dairy co-operative. As the number who realize its truth increases (as it is so steadily increasing today) the stronger and more useful will the Pool become.—Editor.

Creamery butter holdings at December 1st totalled 42,298,820 pounds, says the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, being 7,600,000 pounds less than at December 1st, 1939, but 4,000,000 pounds more than the holdings on December 1st, 1937.

Norwegian co-operatives, says the organ of the movement in that country, *Kooperatoren*, are working to replace buildings destroyed in the fighting there last spring.

The official estimate of the Australian wool production for the 1939-40 season is 1,109 million pounds, as compared with 995 million pounds in 1939.

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Facing the Future

By MAGNUS OPPEL

There is Christmas Day, a holiday of joy, and children's dreams come true. There is your birthday, when you call in a few friends and celebrate and perhaps reflect whether you should have been born or not; then there is your wedding day, a day you may not always remember, and if you do, surely not to reflect if you should have been married or not, at least not out loud.

Above All Others

But then there is the day that stands out above all other days of celebrations, and that is New Year's Day, for then you leave behind you the old, and start all over again. You feel so fresh, so full of undertaking, and although your debts are still with you, they seem so much easier to cope with, for this is the year, the year that was last year's "next year", the year you were going to do things, the year all breaks would be in your favor.

Even your humble scribe has started writing with a nice clean sheet before him and in his ambitious mind are many articles on important subjects and a story of adventure, which will be written, and printed, if we can get them past our editor-in-chief, who always has space difficulties; and yet, I warn you, dear reader, to read the foregoing paragraph with caution, as the New Year bug may have bitten us; at any rate we will resolve to do the very best we can.

Make This Banner Year

Let us all resolve to make this another banner year for our organization. Difficult times are ahead of us and now, more than ever before, is it of the utmost importance that we, the men and women of the soil, organize to be able to exert the utmost to help the cause of the National War effort, and then to be able to stand the shock of re-adjustment when it is all over.

Talk it over with your neighbors and ask them to join us; we will be glad to give you all the help we can. More and more we will be under Government control of prices for our products, and therefore it is necessary, more than ever, that you belong to an organization where all operating profits go back to the producer, besides all benefits accrued by the Association with others for a common cause.

And so, as we stand on the threshold of a New Year, let us not be afraid of the future, for we are free men and women, confident that we shall win over the forces that try to enslave us. Let us pray that this year will bring peace and that it will keep us happy and in good health.

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Anaemia Treatment for Suckling Pigs

By J. B. SEYMOUR

We are indebted to Mr. J. B. Seymour of Calgary for the following article. Originally written for The Beacon it will be found of especial value to many of our members:

Enormous losses of young suckling pigs have been sustained in past years by feeders in Western Canada, and at long last serious attention is being given to this state of affairs by the various governmental departments and universities.

Only Partly Effective

It is true that authorities have for years advocated as a preventative measure the use of dirt sods sprinkled with Iron Sulphate, but this seems to have been only partly effective in combatting the abnormal mortality that has become prevalent. The National Institute for Research in Dairying at the University of Reading, England, has done some valuable work along these lines, and while all of their findings are not conclusive, they have established one or two definite factors.

It was thought formerly that Iron Salts administered to the sow would produce an iron content in the milk sufficient to prevent anaemia, but in the research referred to it was found that attempts to raise the iron content in the milk were unsuccessful, although it was not completely proved that large doses given in late pregnancy were ineffective.

Iron Necessary

It is generally agreed by all who have conducted experiments in combatting hog anaemia, that iron in some form should be administered direct to the young pig commencing when three days old and continuing every three days until the pig commences to eat solid feed at four weeks of age. The need for supplemented iron is over then as a good balanced ration will contain sufficient of this element to maintain a normal haemoglobin content in the blood.

Some discussion arises as to the form of iron to use. Messrs. Foote and Thomson, writing in the Journal of the Ministry of Agriculture (England), are authorities for the statement that Iron Sulphate produces constipation unless great care is taken in giving the dose. They recommend using Iron Pyrophosphate to which is added Copper Sulphate administered in liquid form individually by a tube. Others recommend a mixture of powdered Iron Citrate to which is added Copper Sulphate in proportion of five of iron to one of copper and combined with an equal quantity of inert material to prevent over-dosing as only a small quantity is required of this mixture. It is also claimed that the assimilation of Iron Citrate is much greater than of other forms of iron.

Suckling pigs do not appear to respond very much to treatment in



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the first week, experiments show, and even where iron is fed, the haemoglobin content of the blood has dropped to less than 4 grams per 100 millilitres of blood (normal is about 8). In the second week the use of iron and copper has brought this condition back to and slightly above normal, and further dosing in the third week cured pigs already suffering from anaemia.

Messrs. Foote and Thomson, previously referred to, are authorities for the statement that pigs dosed in the second week made better gains in weight than pigs that were not dosed until three weeks old.

It is recommended that pigs be treated for anaemia from 4 to 28 days old, although there is nothing definite as yet to show the best period within this age where the most beneficial results accrue. Since individual dosing must be resorted to, the powder form of iron and copper would seem to be the most practical. With a dampened flat stick it is not a difficult matter to spread a sufficient quantity of powdered iron and copper powder on the back of the tongue of the young pig. Like all other maladies an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society (England) has over £80,000,000 invested in government securities.

Hog Population Takes Big Drop in Denmark Under Rule of Nazis

There was a decrease in the number of hogs on Danish farms in November last, as compared with November, 1939, of 23 per cent, it is estimated by the U.S. office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. The Danish estimate in August showed that there were at that time 167,000 bred sows as compared with 257,000 a year previously, a decrease of 35 per cent. Thus a further decline is in prospect. The Nazis have been systematically looting Danish supplies and inability to import feeds since the invasion has also led to heavy slaughtering.

While the new nylon yarn, said to be hard-wearing and quick-drying, will be chiefly used in the near future for making stockings, it has many other possibilities, says the C.I.L. Oval. It may be used for parachutes, now made only of silk, and is already used for bristles for brushes, fishing leaders, strings for tennis racquets, surgical sutures and musical instrument strings.



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STEADY EXPANSION

The Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta is always one of the major events of the year in this Province. This month the Association will report a continuance of the steady expansion in membership which has been going on now for several years. Great progress made by the Co-operative will also be reported.

The Association has a history almost as long as that of the Province. It came into being through the amalgamation of the two pioneer farmer organizations—the Alberta Society of Equity and the Alberta Farmers' Association—to unify the farm forces of the Province. Based as it is upon self-governing Locals, it maintains a close direct contact with the needs and aspirations of the primary producers. It is essentially an organization of the "dirt farmers". The development of co-operative buying of farm supplies on an extensive scale, under the auspices of the Association, has been during recent years an especially valuable service to the farm community.

We extend to the Association our congratulations on its achievement, and our wish that 1941 may witness its continued growth in numbers and in influence.

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NO PRICE TOO GREAT

Overriding every other consideration whatsoever, the one great task to which the peoples of the democracies must set their hands in 1941 is the building up of the means to Victory.

Whether it will be achieved this year or later may depend in large measure upon the energy with which the people of Canada throw themselves into the task. Our Government has moved towards more effective war-time organization during the past few months, but has not yet realized the necessity for total effort. The pace at which industry is being converted to the uses of war is still relatively leisurely. Our resources neither in man power nor in materials have been mobilized with effectiveness.

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We agree with the editor of *Saturday Night*, B. K. Sandwell, that the Nazis' threat to the world "must be defeated, even if the process of defeating" it

"leaves the whole of North America nothing but one vast arsenal and training camp"; that it must be defeated, "even if the social and economic structure of every country engaged in defeating" the Nazis has to be "radically altered in the process, as J. B. Priestley predicted." We agree with him that we "may as well realize that the year 1941 will have to be practically devoted to the sole purpose" of attaining this end.

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Short of the defeat of the forces which would enslave the world, we have no right to give a thought to Peace. No peace can last, none will leave the world a fit place for free men, or a place in which any people can work out their destiny, unless it be accomplished by the complete overthrow of the forces which today seek to dominate mankind.

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We are not among those who fear that the putting forth of the effort necessary to bring victory will saddle our democracies with the evils associated with Nazi or Fascist systems of dictatorship. If that were so, the elements in our social life which are most determined to retain their privileges at all costs would not be the world's leading "appeasers". The social transformation which is beginning in Britain is not of the Fascist order.

Because war is war, and Hitler has made it his single purpose, the Nazis have it is true attained to an efficiency in production for war which is still very great, and much is still to be learned from them in this field. But a free people, applying itself to the tasks of war, need sacrifice nothing of its essential freedom.

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Speaking of certain small but powerful groups in the United States, President Roosevelt referred the other day to those who seek to "clip the eagle's wings in order to feather their own nests." Unfortunately it is not only from this direction that the obstructions to total effort come. As H. N. Brailsford, one of the most famous of British writers on world affairs, and himself a Socialist, declared the other day, some Socialists still imagine that we are fighting the last war over again. "Twenty years of

history has gone by them unawares." But happily this is true only of a small and decreasing minority.

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FACTOR IN WAR EFFIEICNRY

It is essential to full war-time efficiency that the burden of our national effort shall be fairly distributed. It is not fairly distributed today, as the widely held assumption on the part of some of our national leaders that the farm people should supply important products at a figure less than cost of production, makes clear.

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ADULT EDUCATION

We have referred from time to time to the important work which is being carried on throughout the Dominion, by the Canadian Association for Adult Education directed by E. A. Corbett. By reading the excellent series of pamphlets which are issued by the Association from time to time it is possible for every Canadian, no matter how busy he may be, to keep himself informed upon, questions of the day. Pamphlets in the ten cent series just to hand include "Democracy and Citizenship", and "Can We Make Good?" Two more pamphlets in the series on Canadian Farm Problems are also now available. This set can be obtained for one dollar, either from the Association or from the Department of Extension in Edmonton, who also charge one dollar for the pamphlets, offering fourteen pamphlets in all.

In a recent issue we gave the price of the pamphlet on the Rowell-Sirois report entitled "Confederation Marches On", as forty cents. This pamphlet is available at ten cents. Two other pamphlets, more extensive, on the same subject, however, and also distributed by the Association, are priced at forty cents. One gives a summary and the other is a critical examination of the report. The address of the Association is 198 College Street, Toronto.

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STUDY GROUPS IN ALBERTA

In Alberta the Department of Extension of the University at Edmonton is the spearhead of the Adult Education movement, and is of course working in close association with the Dominion organization. We have recently seen the pamphlets in the farm series, and would recommend them to all our readers. Included are such titles as "Are There Too Many Farmers?" and "Should Canada Restrict Farming of Sub-Marginal Lands", and each pamphlet contains a series of questions for discussion, designed to link up the material with local conditions. Donald Cameron, the Director, advises us that study groups may secure the services of H. B. Mayo, assistant director, on a basis somewhat different to that obtaining in the past. We strongly advise all our readers who may be interested to write Mr. Cameron for full particulars.

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Wheat Marketing, 1941

Reduction of Crop Acreage

New Bacon Agreement

Butter Price Peg

Farm Debts Problem

Dyed Gasoline for Farm Use

Canadian Co-operative Implements

Rowell-Sirois Report

Co-operative Buying of Supplies, etc., etc.

RADIO TIME TABLE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21—CFCN and CFRN, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; 8:15-9:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23—CFCN, 8:30-10:00 p.m.; CFRN, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,
K.C., LL.D.

Replies to Enquiries Reduction of Debt

D.B.—There is no law which gives you the absolute right to arbitrate the amount due under an Agreement for Sale simply because the prices of farm products were higher when you bought the land than they are now. The only way you can get a reduction in your debt is through the Dominion Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act on the one hand or the Provincial Debt Adjustment Board on the other. Your chances under the first Act would depend upon the relation of your total debts to your total liabilities. You would have to show you are unable to meet your debts as they become due. Under the second Act much would depend upon the rate of interest you have been paying, that is, you might get some relief if the Board feels you have been paying an excessive rate of interest. I would advise you to consult the nearest representative of the Debt Adjustment Board.

Can Go Through Bankruptcy

X.Y.Z.—1. Yes, a farmer can go through bankruptcy notwithstanding the war.

2. He should apply to the nearest Clerk of the Supreme Court.

3. The exemptions allowed a farmer have not been changed in recent years.

When Promissory Note Outlawed

R.D.—A recent decision of the

Supreme Court of Canada has left the question of when a promissory note becomes outlawed open to some question. I think it can be stated with reasonable safety, however, that such a note is now outlawed in six years from the last payment on account of the note or the last acknowledgment in writing.

Position of Old Age Pensioner

Mrs. D.B.—There is a regulation under the Old Age Pensions Act preventing a pensioner leaving Canada for more than a stated time without the consent of the Board. It would not be safe, therefore, for the pensioner to go to the United States for the intended time without first getting the consent and approval of the Old Age Pension Board. The pensioner can sell her land. She has to sign an affidavit, however, each year, stating what money she has received from other sources. She would have to show the cash she has received from the sale of the farm and the Board might cut off the pension, depending upon the amount received.

Should Act at Once

M.B.—From the facts stated in your letter I do not think your Mortgage is outlawed yet, but it is certainly getting close to the time when it may be outlawed. You should apply at once to the Debt Adjustment Board for a permit to commence foreclosure proceedings. The Board would not permit your Mortgage to become outlawed and would either force the debtor to make a payment on account or give you the right to foreclose to protect the Mortgage against being outlawed.

Matter of Tax Sale

Mrs. J.L.—1. The owner of the land has the right to redeem the land by paying back taxes until such

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time as it has been sold to a third person by tax sale proceedings or finally disposed of by the Municipal District. A sale at tax sale is not finally completed until the Minister has given his approval.

2. The owner cannot buy the property at tax sale. Any money paid by him would simply be by way of redeeming the land.

3. If a third party buys the land, the proceeds go first to paying the costs of the sale and arrears of taxes. The surplus is held in a separate tax sale trust fund and paid out according to a Judge's order. The holder of a mortgage would get the benefit of the money before any balance was paid to the owner.

4. The Department is opposed to a mortgagee using tax sale proceedings as a short cut to foreclosure, and the Minister would probably not give his consent to a sale to the mortgagee.

5. You ask my opinion as to what the owner should do. No owner of land can run the risk of tax sale proceedings to get rid of a mortgage. The Dominion Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act are available to assist a debtor in getting an adjustment of a debt. I advise the owner to make the best arrangement possible with the Municipal District with respect to arrears of taxes, and then to take proper legal advice as to the advisability of making an application under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act for an adjustment of the debt.

Depends on Terms of Will

Worried.—I regret I cannot answer your question without knowing the terms of the will. I would think the answer to your question would depend upon the terms of the loan made by the deceased to B, C, and D. However, a definite answer to your enquiry cannot be given without more information than is contained in your letter.

Question Concerning Remarriage

H.H.—The Criminal Code provides that a man or woman cannot be convicted of bigamy if the wife or husband, as the case may be, has not been heard from for seven years and the party concerned has no reason to believe that the other party may be alive. The answer to your enquiry, therefore, depends entirely upon whether

Newfoundland Signpost



Sergts. Jack Bray and Bill Hughes, serving with a Canadian unit in Newfoundland, display the camp signpost which gives mileages to the three places they're most anxious to see. The sign reads: Toronto, 1,220; London, 2,370; Berlin, 2,950.

Pay Bounty to Wool Growers

On a sliding scale, the Union of South Africa is paying a bounty to corn growers, financed by requiring domestic users to pay a price higher than the world market. Up to 500 bags, the bounty is 4 pence per bag; from 500 to 1,000, 7 pence; from 1,000 to 1,500, 4 pence, and on 1,500 to 2,000, 1 penny.

ther you have directly or indirectly had any word of your wife during the past seven years and whether you have reason to believe that she is still alive. As bigamy is a serious charge, I think it would be advisable for you to consult a solicitor who can obtain more complete information before you decide to marry again.

Boy Under Neighbors' Name

C.W.D.—I think the boy in question may meet difficulty in the future if he continues to go under the name of the neighbors with whom he is living. He should either be legally adopted or if he is over twenty-one years of age, he might apply to change his name under the legislation permitting a change of name to be legally made.

When Judgment Outlawed

ALTA.—The provisions of the Debt Adjustment Act may have had the effect of extending the time under which the judgment in question would be outlawed. Ordinarily a judgment is outlawed in ten years from the last payment or acknowledgment. It would probably be safe to count on the judgment having been outlawed around twelve years from the last payment or acknowledgment.

Death Terminated Partnership

E.H.—By the death of your partner, the partnership previously existing was terminated and the division of interest in the machine would be adjusted as of the date when the partnership was dissolved. Also a definite answer cannot be given to your enquiry without knowing more about the terms of the Partnership Agreement. From your letter I would gather you only have a half interest in the machine, but suggest you should consult a solicitor.

New Shipping Rules

Last week the railways again placed an embargo on shipments of wheat to the head of the lakes, and this time it extended also to coarse grains. But space has been reserved for out of condition grain, and it is still possible to get permits to handle such grain.

Some all rail movement to the east both of low grade wheat and of coarse grains, as well as shipments to western mills will make room for more deliveries at country elevators. But it may be next April, just before navigation opens, before there is a great deal of room for deliveries to country elevators.

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Second Youngest



Paul Henderson of Toronto, at 19, is said to be the second youngest flying officer in the R.C.A.F. Now stationed with a Canadian fighter squadron in Scotland, he was 20 this month.

A Wish for 1941

By E. W. BRUNSDEN
Secretary, Alberta Federation of
Agriculture

May I, Mr. Editor, record at the head of this column, my 1941 hope for Alberta farmers. It is that during these 12 months they will give of their constructive thought, and of their proven energy, toward the clarifying and consolidating of their Provincial farm movement.

Farmers Divided

It is high time we faced the fact that the present situation is unsatisfactory. Our farmers are divided. They are apportioning their loyalty and support between too many organizations, dividing their contributions to the point, one might almost say, at which they have lost effectiveness. The organizations they have built overlap in their activities. Set up as co-operative structures, they have become competitive one among the other. Each is going its own way in the field of extension and education, with the inevitable result the educational effort related to the farm movement and the co-operative philosophy is not being extended, certainly not to the degree it should be in this fertile ground—the Province of Alberta.

Those of us who try to serve the farmers of this Province as their servants in these organizations tend to become paternal in our outlook. H. G. Wells wrote into his "Outline of History" these words:

"It is the universal weakness of mankind that what we are given to administer, we presently imagine we own".

How truly Wells spoke. And yet this jealous guarding of "what we are given to administer" is an understandable human failing. A man would not be worth his salt if he did not advance, and with enthusiasm, the interests of his own organization on every possible occasion. The difficulty in Alberta today is that in so doing he runs the risk of encroaching on what the officers of some other farmers' organization may deem their special preserve.

Should Face the Issue

Those of us who work in administrative or executive capacities in the farm movement, ought to be prepared to put a curb on our "paternalism" when it can be shown, as it can, that the greatest degree of progress, for the greatest number, cannot be reached if we insist upon exercising it. We should all, farmers as well as those who serve them in these offices, face the issue. It is obvious enough. What is it? Simply this—that our potential strength is far from being mobilized; that our voice, or to speak more correctly, our several voices, for there are a number in this Province, are pitifully weak. These days of topsy-turvy, war-time farm economy, call for one voice, deep and resonant, through which can be stated the farmer viewpoint on all matters, national and Provincial, as these affect them and their families. That voice must have behind it full facilities for the careful determination of what it shall reasonably say on these questions. "In unity there is strength" is as true now as ever.

It has been my experience that around a table, farmers can, and do, iron out their major problems. They can reach common ground on any issue. They have not sat around a table on this one. They should. There would be enough work in a closely co-ordinated Provincial farm movement, to keep all those who are now actively associated in the various departments of it as these now exist, busy 12 hours a day, 365 days a year, and they will need a lot of fresh help. There need be no fear of the loss of a sphere of activity.

Can we agree to sit around the table together, often during 1941, and there pledge ourselves to re-orient and revitalize in these 12 months ahead, this Alberta farm movement? If we

do, we shall have cause for satisfaction at the year's close. That we will, is my major New Year's wish.

Canadian Federation to Meet

All roads, for Canadian farm leaders, are toward Toronto in mid-January, for there, in the King George Hotel, will be held the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The retiring president, Herb. Hannam, a leading figure in Ontario agricultural and co-operative circles, and one many Albertans had an opportunity of meeting during his visit to this Province last July, will pound his gavel the morning of January 21st to open the three day session, and it may well prove one of considerable significance.

Need for National Office

It may not be the most important item on the agenda, but most certainly the consideration to be given the opening of a national farmers' office in Ottawa will be among those of the highest popular interest. This action has long been contemplated, only the lack of the necessary money has caused it to be withheld this long, and its need in these days of fast-shifting war events, with their repercussions on Canadian agriculture, is more than ever apparent. Each succeeding week brings problems on which action is being taken by departments of governments and by boards of one kind and another, without, farmers believe, a full appreciation of the agrarian viewpoint and economy. A national office, with a full-time staff, closely in touch with the farm movement across Canada, will do much to remedy this ill, and this objective has been constantly before the officers of the Canadian Federation. It appears 1941 will see the objective reached.

An effort is being made this year to arouse interest in the Federation among government leaders, and, it is understood, the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Agriculture, and their deputies, have been invited to attend, and participate, in the sessions. Some of them have indicated their acceptance.

Lively debates are in prospect on such subjects of current interest as the rail grading of hogs; the recently concluded British bacon contract, and the pegging of butter prices. The western wheat question as it looms for 1941 will unquestionably come under close scrutiny.

Bond Between Farmers East and West

This can be said for the Federation and its work of the recent years; that at no time in the history of Canadian agriculture has there been a closer bond between the farmers of the East and those of the West. They are working today, in harmony, on a wide variety of problems. The Ontario farmer has become conscious of the prairie wheat problem; and those in the West have a deeper understanding than ever they had before, of some of the difficulties confronting their Eastern fellows. This improved situation (and it is a promising augury for the years immediately ahead) has been brought about by the existence of the Federation, and through the interchange of viewpoints and opinions between the headquarters of its provincial units.

Under the constitution of the Federation as it was amended last year, each Provincial member body, (in Alberta this is the Federation of Agriculture), is entitled to three directors on the national directorate. Heretofore Alberta has had only one, in the person of Wilbur McKenzie, Lethbridge. Three will be named for 1941. The sending of delegates to the annual meetings, is of course the responsibility of the Provincial organization, and the executive will meet shortly to select its representation. The sessions are open for participation to all representatives of agricultural organizations in affiliation with one or another of the Provincial federations. Readers of *The Western Farm Leader* may anticipate a full report of the Toronto meeting in an early issue.

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WAR DIARY

Dec. 19th.—In 1941 Britain will be fully armed, says Churchill, warning that invasion attempt may be made; says Egyptian-Libyan victories secured with fewer than 1,000 casualties. German transport planes ferry Italian reinforcements into Albania, says Yugoslavian report. Destruction of at least 18 Italian planes in raid on Benina Tuesday night announced by R.A.F. Bardia surrounded. London has air raid after two quiet nights. R.A.F. attacks Mannheim, also Milan and Genoa.

Dec. 20th.—R.A.F. shoot down 5 Fascist planes in Libya, lose none. London, Liverpool, towns and cities in other parts of England and Wales, bombed. R.A.F. raids Norwegian railway, Ruhr, Essen, Dusseldorf. Freighters in Northern Atlantic radio submarines attacking. Greeks advance towards Chimara. British submarines sink Italian supply ship, tanker, in Mediterranean. Units of Royal Navy shell Valona.

Dec. 21st.—Liverpool reports heaviest raid of war. R.A.F. bombs Berlin plane factory, invasion ports; Admiralty announce attack by fleet air arm on cities of Dodecanese Islands on Tuesday. R.A.F. hammers oil tanks, railways, at Brindisi. British take 900 more Fascist prisoners near Bardia. Berlin report says Nazi relations with U.S. hang on outcome of suggestion U.S. hand over to Britain enemy ships in American ports.

Dec. 22nd.—Nazis bomb Liverpool third night in succession. Military objectives from Norway to Adriatic attacked by R.A.F., one plane lost. Halifax appointed American Ambassador, Eden becomes Foreign Secretary, Margesson (for many years chief Conservative whip) war secretary.

Dec. 23rd.—One man is responsible for war between Italy and Britain, historic friends, says Churchill in broadcast to Italian people, appealing to them to get rid of their dictator. Nazi troops entering Rumania in large numbers. Manchester heavily raided. Greeks take Chimara, between Santi Quaranta (Porto Edda) and Valona. R.A.F. batters Mannheim, invasion ports. Shipping losses in week ending December 15th 41,476 tons (average 62,867).

Dec. 24th.—British naval aircraft bombed Tripoli harbor Friday night, Admiralty announces, sank two freighters; one plane lost. Nazi bombers attack Lancashire centres, also London. R.A.F. pounds industrial targets in Rhineland, also Boulogne, Dunkerque, Ostend, one plane lost. Swedish vessel torpedoed. Nazi field marshal tells troops "ocean can protect England only so long as it suits us." In New York, Purvis says end of war depends on flow of war supplies.

Dec. 25th.—Greeks report hard-won gains north-east of Chimara. The future will be hard, says King George in radio message, but "our feet are planted on the path of victory."

Dec. 26th.—British double guards along Channel coast. British freighter torpedoed 400 miles off Ireland. De Valera in broadcast fears incitement "which would force our people once more to battle against Britain." 150 leading Americans urge Roosevelt to do all necessary to help defeat Axis. Belgians in U.S. from 19 to 25 years of age, called up by consul-general, to take arms against Nazis. Nazi troops in Rumania now reported to number 400,000. British meat ration reduced. Greeks advance on Adriatic coast. Italian aircraft losses in six weeks of Greek war 39 to R.A.F. nine.

Dec. 27th.—Air attacks on London resumed. R.A.F. bombers attack Lorient, Bordeaux, Nazi airports. Heavy fighting near Klisura, Albania, in bitter cold. Admiralty announces loss of destroyer *Acheron*. Australian graduates Empire Air Training scheme reach England; eighth large contingent Canadian troops also land. Britain restricts exports to Eire. U.S. to spend \$10,000,000,000 for defence in 1941, Washington estimates.

Dec. 28th.—Heavy four-hour air raid on London. Air Ministry announces attacks on Lorient today, other invasion ports; on Norwegian harbor of Haugesund yesterday. Over 38,000 Italian prisoners taken by British in Libya. Greeks report capture Tepeleni. Nazi troops move across Hungary. De Gaulle broadcasts appeal to French North Africa to join struggle against Axis. Lisbon report says Petain has despatched ships, personnel, to North Africa.

Dec. 29th.—R.A.F. makes heavy attack on Nazi ports from Norway to southern France. Admiralty reports cruiser *Berwick* sank Nazi supply vessel Christmas Day. U.S. must be the "great arsenal of democracy," says Roosevelt in broadcast; Axis power will not win the war, and cannot influence course of U.S. by threats.

Dec. 30th.—Starting with incendiaries and continuing with bombs, Nazis make one of most destructive raids of war on London; fire destroys many buildings, loss of life feared heavy. Greeks turn back strong counter-attacks by fresh Italian troops. R.A.F. drops bombs and leaflets on Naples; through bad weather attacks unnamed objective in Germany, loses two planes. Two British freighters in North Atlantic send out S.O.S. calls. Sabotage in Rumanian oilfields reported in Sofia. Hungarians mobilize. Air Chief Marshal Dowding, of R.A.F., in Ottawa interview, says method has been found to detect and deal with Nazi night bombers. British casualties in 1940 include 24,922 civilians killed, forces, 11,736 killed; British estimate 400,000 Nazis killed or wounded in battle of France and Lowlands, 150,000 killed in Polish campaign; 7,200 Nazi pilots killed or captured over Britain.

Dec. 31st.—More German troops enter Rumania; Russian forces concentrated in Bessarabia. Hitler says

1941 will bring greatest victory to Nazis. British Shipping Ministry takes over tankers, all merchant ships now requisitioned. British warship sinks Fascist supply ship en route to Albania. British buy three huge flying boats at \$1,000,000 each, says *Baltimore Sun*. Chairman of "No More War" committee says Roosevelt rebuffed Nazi peace offer in 1939; State Department says no "feasible offer" received. British anti-aircraft guns brought down over 400 Nazi planes in six months.

Jan. 1st.—Premier Philoff of Bulgaria goes to Vienna "for health". Nazis raid London, Liverpool, other Merseyside points. Air Ministry announces daylight raids on Nazi objectives; R.A.F. in North Africa carries out large-scale offensive against Italian bases. Survivors from 10 ships sunk by Nazis in Pacific rescued from small island, where they were marooned December 21st. Greeks repulse Italian counter-offensive.

Jan. 2nd.—Nazi pilots and planes in Italy, says Rome announcement. Nazi troops mass along Bulgarian frontiers; reported Boris to permit passage through Bulgaria under protest. R.A.F. drops 20,000 incendiary bombs, also explosives on Bremen, also attack Channel ports. Nazi bombs fall on Eire. Morrison announces compulsory fire protection scheme, all men and women to assist. London reports French warships sent to West African ports; Berlin says no break with Petain. Belgrade report says British sink four Italian transports in Adriatic. Winter weather aids Italians in putting up stiffest resistance in Greek war. Churchill sends message of friendship to Turkey. Fascist spokesman says Turkey "hostile". Axis submarines have sunk at least six Spanish vessels. German raiders in Pacific fly Japanese colors. British patrols 75 miles west of Bardia. Morgenthau says Roosevelt lease plan might apply to China and Greece.

Jan. 3rd.—Australian troops break Bardia defences, take prisoners. R. A.F. bombs Elbasani, also port of Bremen, oil depot at Amsterdam. Heavy raids on Tripoli by R.A.F. last two days. Nazi bombers strike at Cardiff. Nazis again bomb Dublin, De Valera protests to Berlin. Vichy government says two French vessels torpedoed. Sinking of Italian submarine by submarine *Thunderbolt* (former U.S. *Thetis*) announced by Admiralty. U.S. plans build 300 merchantmen.

Jan. 4th.—British gunboats shell Bardia, silence Fascist batteries. R. A.F. deals punishing blows on Bremen, third successive night. Nazis centre attack on Bristol, London also raided. Greeks break through Italian lines northeast of Tepeleni. U.S. correspondent says British landings in France, motor-cycle raids, made repeatedly. Caballero, premier of Spain before Fascist conquest, arrested in France, may be handed over to Nazis. German anti-Nazi "freedom" radio station, still operating. In last six months British planes lost 1,679 against 4,118 Nazi aircraft definitely known destroyed.

Jan. 5th.—Bardia falls, 30,000 Fascists captured. Free French force cuts line to Tobruk. Communications broken Rumania and outside world. Nazi bombers raid West England town; R.A.F. bombs hit Nazi supply ships off Norway, Hamburg port. Greeks resist Italian counter-attack.

Jan. 6th.—Roosevelt tells Congress U.S. must increase armaments drive, foreign peril great, declares for full aid to nations "fighting gallantly in four continents". British mechanized units reach outer defences Tobruk. Greeks report gains. Moscow calls representatives from Balkans for conference. Nazis believed now have 600,000 armed men in Balkan countries. London volunteer guards effectively meet fire-bomb attack. R.A.F. raids Brest. Bevin to head production committee, Duncan imports, Green-

States Exiled Jews Gave Secret of Magnetic Mines to British Authorities

German Jews who invented the secret magnetic mine even before the Kaiser fell, were expelled from Germany by Hitler. They gave the British the secret and are now busy devising ways of combating the weapon they perfected.

This statement is made by A. F. Selvig, a Swedish correspondent of The Day of New York, who gives many details of the efforts which are now being made by the Nazis to persuade Jewish scientists and technicians in exile to return to Germany from neutral countries by lavish promises. Naturally they don't respond. Today a group of 165 Austrian, Czech and German Jews, in one building alone somewhere in England, all scientists or top ranking technical men, are engaged in research to aid Britain in the war.

wood post-war problems, aim to speed up action.

Jan. 7th.—Roosevelt names Knudsen, Hillman, Stimson and Knox supreme defence commission, power take over any industry; Bullitt urges U.S. send Britain "what they need". Greek warships shell Valona; make gains near Klisura. R.A.F. take airport near Tobruk, capture 40 abandoned planes. Turkey to keep armies mobilized another year. Bulgarian forces massed along Turkish border; report from New York says Bulgarians accept Nazi ultimatum. London, Liverpool, raided; weather bad, holds down air activity. B.B.C. headquarters damaged, members of staff killed, announced. Italy reaffirms loyalty to Axis. Many British foods pegged at December 2nd level. Italian plane losses during war, Mediterranean theatre, over 500, British about 80. British and Allied shipping losses week ending Saturday 37,556 tons, lowest since October; average weekly losses during war 63,000 tons. Washington reports Britain will allow Red Cross send canned milk into unoccupied France, wheat into Spain. U.S. authority says investigation shows Nazi bombs damage British aircraft industry 10 per cent, war industry as whole 5 per cent.

Jan. 8th.—Tobruk cut off from west by British. London has quiet night; no R.A.F. activities. Roosevelt asks Congress for \$17,500,000,000 for defence budget; budget for aid to Britain, Greece, China, to come later and may amount to \$10,000,000,000. U.S. fleet reorganized, three divisions—Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic—to be brought to full strength. Bulgarian premier returns to Sofia; Belgrade report says Bulgaria has rejected Nazi demands on advice of Russia.

Some 70,000 of the poorer-paid railway workers in the U.S.—section hands, waiters, clerks, etc.—will get wage increases on March 1st by government order, under minimum wage regulations. The new wages will range from 33 to 36 cents per hour.

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Outstanding Features of Recent Convention of Consumers' Co-operative Refineries

"Two outstanding features of the recent Sixth Annual Meeting of Consumers' Co-operative Refineries, Limited, were to me the sense of progress, which seemed to permeate the sessions and the comparative youth of the delegation," stated Norman F. Priestley in an interview with *The Western Farm Leader* this week.

Seldom Seen Such Unity

"Seldom in the years I have been in the farm movement have I seen such unity. There was keen debate and a contest between six nominees for the five three-year term seats on the board of fifteen, but throughout the two days there was no note of carping criticism or suspicion. The delegates seemed to know what they wanted done and had their eyes on the great objectives of the Co-operative Movement and at the same time their feet right down on the ground among the practicalities of manufacturing, distributing and using petroleum products and among other practicalities confronting the Western Canadian farmer.

"There were some heads grey or bald among the delegates, but men of the early forties seemed to predominate and there was a good percentage of young farmers in the thirties among the 226 delegates and 253 registered visitors attending during those two days in December at the Hotel Saskatchewan.

Has Dramatized Movement

"Undoubtedly the building of the refinery has dramatized the co-operative movement in Saskatchewan like nothing else that has been accomplished in recent years. It is something that bulks large with its storage tanks holding over 5,000,000 gallons and buildings covering acres of ground. "The whole farm movement is watching this development. The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool gave a dinner to the delegates and visitors which overflowed the facilities of the big C.P.R. hotel into other rooms. At the dinner, J. P. Wesson, chairman of the Pool, dealt with Canada's wheat problem. The Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale was represented, having an exhibit of Co-op. brand and other goods in a room close to the Convention hall door. A noon time hour was used to hold a district meeting of the newly formed Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited.

Unique Feature

"A unique feature of the progress made by Consumers' Co-operative Refineries is that the local units have denied themselves the immediate savings of co-operation for the past five years and have built up the capital of the organization by leaving their dividends in the funds. In 1938 they adopted the 'revolving door fund' plan of financing, which will pay out \$14,731.31 in 1941. The Refinery, in close association with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale, distributed 10,637,349 gallons of fuels and 331,339 gallons of lubricating oils in the year ending Nov. 30th, 1940. "Among the delegates present was a Roman Catholic priest who, being asked as to his presence, said: 'My people in the southeast of the Province have been very hard up. They have been paying too high prices for their goods. I am trying to help them solve their problems by co-operation.'"

Strong complaints against compulsory rail grading of hogs were voiced at a recent meeting of farmers and townspeople at Lacombe.

No less than \$25,000,000 has been brought into Canada by some 15,000 European refugees, who have founded over 100 new industries, says an Ottawa despatch.

Some Convention Problems

By JACK SUTHERLAND, Hanna

It is now within two weeks of the U.F.A. Convention where the organized farmers of this Province gather to discuss their problems of the present and decide on their policies for the future.

In my opinion at no previous time have there been more of those problems. In no past period has the policy for the future been more involved and complicated in so far as the present and future are concerned. Four points, however, remain perfectly clear.

Victory Our First Consideration

The first, upon which I believe the farmers of Alberta are in unity as never before, is the fact that unless we win this war nothing else matters.

The second is that Agriculture has made and is making a vital contribution to the cause of freedom and democracy, by its production of vast surpluses of foodstuffs. It is a sheet anchor for the British Commonwealth and the Allies.

A third point is that Agriculture in its present disorganized condition is subjected to whatever burdens may be imposed upon it by governments and the well organized elements of the Nation.

Farmers Must Organize

The fourth point is that we, as farmers, must organize because of the necessity of self-preservation and in addition must use such organization not only for self-preservation as an industry, but in addition must impress on Governments the vital necessity for equal contribution and greater efficiency by the other economic groups in the Nation in our effort to win the war.

Questions Farmers Should be Discussing

With the above in view here are some of the questions which the Convention will be dealing with and which the Locals should be discussing:

The question of the wheat surpluses, and a long range policy for Western farmers during and after the war. Coupled with that is the question of the cost of production for what the farmer sells. The reduction in the price of bacon and compulsory rail grading of hogs and the maximum price peg for butter are other matters needing attention. Still others are problem of farm debt and present position of the Alberta Debt Adjustment Act.

The declared intention of the Provincial Government to introduce colored gas for Agricultural and Industrial purposes, which eventually must result in an increased cost of fuel oil. These are only a few of the questions to which we must give our most intelligent consideration.

Fund to Aid British Whose Homes Destroyed

Contributions to the U.F.A. Fund to assist the people in Britain whose homes have been destroyed have been received since the last issue of the *Western Farm Leader* was published, as follows:

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Six million Americans, now unemployed, will find jobs during 1941, reducing the unemployed total in the U.S. to 2,000,000, states the New York "Twentieth Century Fund" for economic research.

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MEMBERSHIP LARGER

Larger membership than has been enrolled for a number of years was reported by W. T. Hays, president of McCafferty U.F.A., at the annual meeting. The Local's activities included the selling of turkeys through the Pool and buying of some commodities co-operatively, action leading to some improvements in local roads, sponsoring of a garden competition in co-operation with the U.F.W.A., looking after the hall, also in co-operation with the women's Local, sending delegates and receiving reports from the U.F.A. Annual Convention, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, A.I.A., and school and municipal meetings.

A Letter from Alex. Moore

Cochrane, Alta. "Enclosed herewith you will find a Postal Note for \$2.00 to pay my arrears owing for 1940 and renewal subscription to *The Leader* for 1941. "Wishing you the 'Compliments of the Season' and a prosperous and successful year for *The Leader* which reflects great credit to yourself and 'Better-half' and the rest of the staff. The U.F.A. owes you a great deal for your zeal in the cause of Co-operative Movement in Alberta and I hope you will not 'weary in well doing', and believe me when I say that we enjoy reading your editorials especially—also your War News. "Yours truly,

"ALEX. MOORE."

Spanish fascists, headed by foreign minister Sener, are believed by the U.S. State Department to be spreading German and Italian propaganda throughout South America. The U.S. is keeping close watch of the situation, says a Washington despatch.

French police have detained Fritz Thyssen, German steel magnate and early backer of Hitler, who later broke with the Nazis and was a refugee in France.

Expect Large Audience

The indications are that again this year there will be a large audience, south of the International boundary as well as in Canada, for the broadcast of the Convention Dance on Thursday evening, when the program will include messages and greetings from near and far. Last year, those sending greetings included Henry A. Wallace, then Secretary of Agriculture in the U.S. (now Vice-president elect), H. H. Hannam, the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association, the Maritime Chamber of Agriculture, the American Farm Bureau, and the Farmers Union of America. J. K. Sutherland will again be Master of Ceremonies, and the program will be broadcast at the times announced in our last issue.

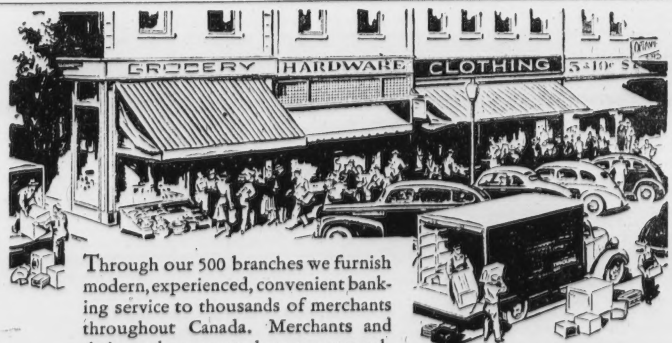
"Dividend Day" at Pembina

Dividends totalling in excess of \$1,000 were distributed by the Pembina U.F.A. Co-operative Association at three "Dividend Days" at Barrhead, Picardville and Westlock. The program included a picture show, addresses by George MacLachlan and Arthur Newman. A committee was set up to further explore the question of co-operative livestock shipment.

Subscribe for Members

Sending in subscriptions for fifteen members, Lorne Proudfoot, secretary of Chinook U.F.A. Local, writes: "Kindly forget premiums this time. Wishing you all good luck in the New Year." In recognition of this support, one of *The Leader's* auto rugs has been sent to Chinook Local.

While rents of the poorer houses and flats in 32 American cities have been steadily rising for about three years, those in the medium brackets have remained about stationary and those in the most expensive class, from \$50 monthly up, have fallen. These are the findings of a U.S. Government survey.



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Dear Farm Women:

A Happy New Year to You! A Happy New Year to All!

How frequently that wish will be expressed in one part of the world and another, and despite the division and the strife, there probably will be one wish which is uppermost in the minds of most people as to what will give greatest happiness. It will be the restoration of peace and in such a manner that it will be laying the foundation for a lasting peace. To be sure, different people will cite different methods of arriving at that desired goal; but most earnestly can everyone wish that we are nearer that day than even the most optimistic expect.

In our own small worlds we probably have widely different things for which we wish, both for our communities and our families. Some may seem very trifling and some almost impossible of fulfilment, but here is hoping!

One Method of Procedure

One highly recommended method of procedure is this. Take a few minutes off and think of some things which would add tremendously to your house-work-happiness or personal convenience, and if it is something which it is possible to be given you without too much sacrifice on the part of the other members of the family, tell them of it. Suffering in silence may be commendable at times, but it frequently means a most unnecessary amount of well-meaning self-sacrifice which does little more than contribute to the selfishness of others.

Along with this thinking of what you want for yourself is the companion one of thinking what you can do to add to the happiness of other members of the family. It may be only a trifle, something we call only a whim, but we know that sometimes the gratification of a whim does make such a difference, even though it be nothing more than remembering to put bread and butter plates on the

table or keeping a sheet folded a certain way.

We have been told that the world does not need to be informed as much as reminded, so I am going to take the liberty of repeating what I once before copied and sent to you:

Recipe for a Happy New Year

"Take twelve fine, full-grown months. See that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the storehouse of Time.

"Cut these months into thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:

"Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some omit this ingredient and so lose the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation and one well-selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humour.

"Pour into the whole, love *ad libitum* and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness and a Happy New Year is a certainty."

Again I say, don't be too strong on being sure of the work. I think there is little fear of farm women neglecting that, and secondly, don't forget the fun. Find something at which to laugh, and then laugh.

Yours sincerely,

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THE NEW YEAR

A new year now is breaking but its outlines are enshrouded
In smoke from far-flung battle-lines that desecrate the earth.
The aspirations of mankind are everywhere beclouded
By dreadful possibilities to which the hour gives birth.
Are pinnacles to which the human race has climbed now crumbling?

Has all the "blood, toil, tears and sweat" for progress been in vain?

Must children of our children through a long dark night go stumbling,

Surveying with bewildered eyes their heritage of pain?

Nay! We who stood aside the while the world's evil forces
Were marshalling their legions to destroy and to enslave,
Must strive to make atonement with our uttermost resources—
Against all odds the freedom won so dearly we must save.
Let us leave our wishful thinking with the year that lies behind us!

Let us grimly face the duties of the year that is begun!
Let us give and let us labor that this New Year's end shall find us

Far, far along that bitter road where triumph must be won!

Already little fires of hope within our hearts are kindling!
We know the price of victory and know it will be paid!
Against the courage of our youth the foeman's strength is dwindling,

And so we enter this new year inspired and unafraid.
We know that on the ashes of the dreadful conflagration
The "brave new world" of our dreams will show its lines at last.

United we will sweep away all man-made tribulation
And wars with all their weeping will be echoes of the past.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Farm Home and Garden

Fig Pudding: Sift 2 cups flour with a little salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda, and half a teaspoon each cinnamon and cloves. Add 1 cup chopped dried figs, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup finely chopped suet; then enough milk to make a stiff batter—about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup. Steam 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ hours; serve with sauce flavored with lemon or brandy flavoring.

Stuffed Cabbage: Cut top off good-sized firm head of cabbage, and scoop out to a large pocket. Combine 2 cups cooked, diced ham or beef with 2 cups cooked rice, 2 tablespoons butter or dripping, salt and pepper, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon each mace and summer savory, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1 beaten egg. Stuff cabbage, replace top, and steam 1 hour.

Tea Biscuits: Melt together in a mixing bowl 1 tablespoon golden syrup, 2 tablespoons boiling water, 1 cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or clarified dripping, and then add 1 scant teaspoon soda. Mix in as much flour as will make a stiff dough. Flour your hands and form into small balls, pressing each one on greased baking sheet; bake in hot oven until crisp. These may be flavored with any preferred essence or spice, or with cocoa, ginger or finely cut peel.

Canadian Spaghetti: Cook 2 cups spaghetti (broken into small pieces) in boiling salted water. Chop 5 slices bacon, cook for a few minutes in frying pan, with 3 tablespoons sliced onion. Blend in 2 tablespoons flour, a little salt, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, add one 16-ounce can of tomatoes and 1 cup diced celery. Add drained spaghetti, and 1 cup grated Canadian cheese, turn into casserole and brown in hot oven.

Mint Chocolate Pudding: Make a blanc mange of 2 cups milk, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, a pinch of salt; when cooked, beat in

stiffly beaten whites of two eggs, and a few drops of peppermint flavoring. Serve with a sauce made of 2 tablespoons cocoa, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, yolks of 2 eggs, and 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk.

During the past year, Jenny Lind U.F.W.A. (Scandia) contributed \$40 to the Red Cross.

The Come Back

"I wish," he said in exasperation, "that some brainless idiot had proposed to you before we were married."
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"I'm Going to Stay on the Farm"

Farm young people among our readers who plan to stay on the farm and those who intend as soon as they can to go to the city, seem about evenly balanced, judging by the letters received from readers. Last week a young farm woman gave her reasons for preparing herself for employment in the city, and for regarding the prospects in the city for young people in general relatively the more attractive. In the letter below, "Sid" gives the other side of the picture as he sees it. What do you think? Send in your letter after reading the conditions set forth on this page. For every contribution to this discussion which is published, *The Western Farm Leader* will pay the contributor One Dollar.

Dear Sir:

I am staying on the farm because I can see a future for the farmer. He also plays a very active part in life. For all people must eat bread, meat, breakfast foods, eggs, and also need wool, hides, and many other things that they can't grow in cities.

The feature I see is, if you are a successful farmer, you increase your production both by quality and quantity. You go to livestock sales and meet big cattlemen that are up in society as much as the common factory laborer, who works from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; then goes home too tired to go out. The common factory laborer only meets people of his own class, and is just as hard up as the farmer, even if he is making \$5 a day. And he will never know what it is to run his own life, for his boss has told him what to do most of his life.

Now let's look at the farmer. He runs his own business, makes progress, takes a holiday when he likes, and stays in when it's cold. So, if you want to be independent and self-supporting; and also to meet other

agriculture teachers from colleges, rich people in society and people of all stages of life, be a farmer.

Take the farmer away from the farm and the rest of the world would soon be without food, clothing and shelter. So my advice to all who think of being factory laborers is, stay home on the farm, for you have a place to eat and sleep, and you can make a living all the time, while the city people find it hard to find work, and living is expensive and wages small in the city.

I plan to stay on the farm.

Yours truly,

Delburne, Alta.

"SID."

Read These Conditions.—Whether you intend to stay on the farm yourself, and whether, whatever you plan for yourself, you think the prospects of farm life for young people better or worse than prospects in the city, you may have your contribution published in this section if it is interesting enough. The conditions are that you must yourself be a subscriber or one of your parents must be a subscriber to *The Western Farm Leader*; and you must be not more than 25 years of age. You can have the letter published over your own name or a pen name. Your letter should be not more than 400 words in length, and written clearly on one side of the paper only. Please give parent's name and address.

Junior News Items

A new Junior Local was organized recently at Whitla, with Molly Elliott as president and Roy Lyon secretary.

Ranfurly Junior U.F.W.A. recently held a tea in the community hall, in aid of the Red Cross. The boys served while the girls prepared the food.

\$172 was the handsome sum realized by Balzac Junior U.F.W.A. from a play, "A Crazy Mix-Up", presented by a cast including Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Rosenberger, Charles Robinson, Mary Kibblewhite, Kathleen Kirby, Ellen Northcott, Jack Baldwin, Bernice Northcott, James Kirby and Margaret Houston. This Local also arranged a Christmas party in honor of four recently married Juniors.

Lantern slides of homestead homes and modern homes, and farm gardens and grounds, shown by Mr. Allbright, were enjoyed at a recent gathering sponsored by Clairmont Junior U.F.A.

A paper on adult education, and a discussion on immigration aroused much interest at the last meeting of Three Hills U.F.W.A. A group has been formed to study dietetics; in addition to Red Cross work, the Local gives assistance to charitable organizations and community work.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Spring Valley U.F.W.A. was one of those which packed Christmas boxes for the men of the community on active service.

Four blankets, made from wool donated by members, were given to the Red Cross by Arrowwood U.F.W.A. Wool to be sold is being shipped co-operatively.

Woodlawn U.F.W.A. was organized recently by Mrs. W. H. Bailey, in the Fairview district. Mrs. Duncan McLean is president and Mrs. Bartlett secretary.

Of total receipts during the year of \$92, Hillside U.F.W.A. (Millet) gave over \$24 to Red Cross funds, besides making 122 articles, reports Mrs. T. H. Howes.

A delightful musical program and the exchange of gifts made the December meeting of Dalemead U.F.W.A. a very pleasant occasion. A study group sponsored by the Local, meets regularly.

With some canvassers still to report, \$500 worth of wheat has been collected for the Red Cross in a drive sponsored by Conrich U.F.W.A., states Mrs. R. McLaughlin. Receipts will be issued to contributors.

Over \$70 was taken in by Okotoks U.F.W.A. at their bazaar, and part of this will be used for Red Cross work, states Miss Nora K. Mundell, secretary. Sewing and knitting has also been done for the Red Cross, and quilts are being made.

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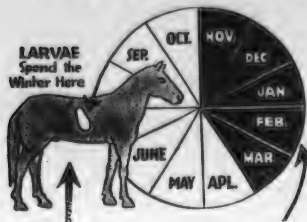
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Collections taken up at their dances are used by Rolling Hills U.F.A. for aiding members in sickness or other emergencies. This Local also supports a parents' and teachers' association.

Members of Teepee Creek U.F.A. Local contributed about \$625 to Red Cross funds, from the sale of wheat which was collected for the purpose, reports A. D. Fraser, secretary.

There was a good attendance at a recent meeting of Battle Beaver U.F.A. Local (near Castor) when the Wheat Pool delegate, H. H. Turner, reported on Pool affairs. During the winter monthly meetings are held, followed by whist drives, writes George M. Norris.

Additional U.F.A. Locals organized and reorganized by William Runte, in southern Alberta, recently, include Seven Persons, with C. T. Campbell acting secretary, and Prosper, near Granlea, with Vernon Collins president and Nyall Southerton secretary.

World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Stocks of Canadian wheat in visible position reached the figure of 494,076,473 bushels on the third of January. Of this total some 48 million bushels were in store in United States lake and seaboard ports and the balance was stored in Canadian elevator facilities, 225 million bushels being in western country elevators.

Export clearances of Canadian wheat from August 1st to January 3rd totalled only 39.1 million bushels. Export of wheat in the form of flour for the same period has been approximately 35 million bushels. This brings total clearances up to around 75 million bushels, which is disappointingly small.

U.S. Winter Wheat

The United States winter wheat crop has had a wonderful start and all indications point to a heavy yield in 1941. The United States carryover on July 1st, 1941, is expected to reach 400 million bushels.

North America is already burdened with huge supplies of unmarketable wheat, and the situation is likely to reach a crisis this year. There seems no possible outlet for any substantial percentage of the huge accumulated surplus.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Trade and Commerce, is calling a conference at the end of January in Winnipeg to consider various phases of the Canadian wheat situation and also proposals as to what might be done during the coming crop season.

The outlook is most unpromising, particularly during this year.

Although the 1940 crop of wheat in China, Manchuria and Japan was larger than that of 1939, there is reported to be an acute shortage throughout the Orient, due in part to increased use of wheat as a substitute for rice.

The Provincial Seed Fair is being held in Edmonton January 15th and 16th.

A good demand for Alberta-grown crested wheat grass seed in the U.S. this season is reported.

Italians will eat bread made with a mixture of wheat flour and corn meal again this year, as the wheat crop for last season is not expected to be sufficient to meet domestic requirements.

Soil Erosion

Dealing with the subject of water erosion of soils, a pamphlet written in popular style has been prepared by Dr. K. W. Neathy, director of the Agricultural Department of the North-West Line Elevators Association. It contains seven excellent illustrations of fields in the Prairie Provinces which are suffering serious damage, and there are four pictures supplied by the United States Conservation Service. Copies may be obtained on application.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 7th.—The cattle market has been active with prices increasing over the last week. Good to choice butcher steers are \$7.50 to \$8.25, common to medium \$6.75 to \$7.25; good to choice heifers \$6.75 to \$7.50, common to medium \$5.25 to \$6.50; good choice fed calves \$7.50 to \$8.25; good cows \$4.75 to \$5.25, common to medium \$3.25 to \$4.50; canners and cutters \$1.75 to \$3; good bulls \$4.75 to \$5.25, common to medium \$3.50 to \$4.50; good choice vealers \$7.50 to \$8.25, common to medium \$5 to \$7; good stocker feeder steers \$6.25 to \$7.25, common to medium \$5 to \$6. Hogs are steady at \$9.75 B1 and lambs are \$9.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 7th.—The cattle market has been active with slightly higher prices. Good to choice fed calves are \$7.50 to \$8; good to choice steers \$7 to \$8, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6.75; good to choice heifers \$6.50 to \$7.50, common to medium \$3.50 to \$6.50; good to choice cows \$4.50 to \$5.25, common to medium \$3 to \$4.25; canners and cutters \$2.75 down, bulls \$3.25 to \$5.15; steers \$5 to \$6. Good to choice handyweight veal calves are \$8.50 to \$9.50. Hogs are \$7.35 B1 live weight; dressed, \$9.80. Choice lambs are \$9.25 oil car; off trucks \$8.50 to \$8.75 for good choice handyweights.

News Brevities

Machinery set up by the Australian Government to control prices and rents has kept increases down to a minimum.

Special reduced rates on parcels for soldiers overseas are announced by the post office and by express companies.

Increases both in numbers and prices boosted livestock sales in the Calgary stockyards to over \$5,190,000 in 1940—a five-year record.

Great Britain took 68.8 per cent of Canadian wheat exports in the crop year ending July 31st last, or 132,573,620 bushels.

As U.S. automobile plants have other defence jobs, Washington experts say the C.I.O. plan for mass production of aircraft in these plants is impracticable.

While guarding zealously against exploitation, Labor in Canada will make temporary sacrifices to aid the war effort, said Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress.

There will shortly be a good market in Eastern Canada for young, well-broken horses in good condition, in the opinion of Hardy E. Salter, secretary of the Alberta Percheron Club, who recently returned from a trip to the East.

The Camrose by-election will be held February 6th, and will be a three-cornered fight. C. A. Ronning, C.C.F., is in the field, Social Crediters have named three from which one will be chosen, and Independents will nominate today (Friday).

Alberta would gain stability and security by the adoption of the Rowell-Sirois report, said J. E. Brownlee to a meeting sponsored by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce last week. The criticism that undue centralization would result could not be proven, he said.

Adherents of three sects—Christian Conventions, Moravian Church and International Bible Students—have been refused exemption from military service. Postponement of training may be granted to conscientious objectors on application, however; but they may be called upon for non-combatant service.

Dairy Market

Since the pegging of butter prices by the Ottawa Government on December 27th (at the December 12th level) the Calgary price for first class prints has been 34 cents, and this price obtains at the time of going to press. The future is regarded as uncertain, however, by the trade. Stocks are definitely lower than at this time last year, though higher than they were at the same date in 1937. Cream in Calgary is 33 cents for special grade.

U.F.A. Protest

After consultation with various authorities in dairying and marketing of butter and other milk products a committee of the U.F.A. Executive decided on Monday of this week to make protest to Ottawa at setting the maximum so low in view of the low price averages of recent months and years and pointing out the general tendency to prevent the rise in farm prices while the farmer is required to pay more for almost all he buys.

Federation Acts

H. H. Hannam, in behalf of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture protested against the Government's action on the grounds of the rising costs of production, and the Ministers of Agriculture of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Nova Scotia have also made protests.

600,000 dozen eggs were shipped from Canada to Britain in the past two weeks.

Milk consumption in Britain has increased during the past year, by about 14 per cent, it was stated recently by the Ministry of Food.

CJCI - The Progressive Station of the West

Christmas and the New Year celebrations at CJCI passed off in very good form except that Scoop Turner was missing for some time and was finally located behind a big cigar; the Christmas Tree in the studio was one of the best in the city and on the day of days was simply loaded with good things including a present for every member of the staff. Some of the presents were not exactly what the recipient might have desired, but then—such is life.

CJCI is now featuring a full length presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's light operas on Sunday evening commencing at 9:30 which is a most popular program with music lovers.

On Saturday evenings at seven there's a chance to hear some of the very latest recordings on Phootills Phantasia, a half hour program of the newest releases and the young people are finding their feet hard to control when it starts.

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OTTAWA LETTER (from page 1)
it is believed. Fixing of wool prices was in operation only for a time. January butter stocks in nine principal cities showed a decrease from January, 1940, of about 7 million pounds, approximately the same decline as that shown in the respective December figures. The threatened shortage next spring may be averted it is stated by co-operation among hotels, restaurants and families. All that is needed is a slight reduction in consumption all round.

The butter question, however, is only a phase of a much wider problem which appears to be particularly acute among the farmers of Ontario and Quebec. Premier Hepburn has suggested that a non-partisan economic union of farmers should be formed in Ontario which would aim at the rehabilitation of the agricultural industry and which would ensure the production of vital food supplies for British and Dominion consumption at living rates for the farmers.

Minister Holds Conference

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, is holding a conference at the end of this week at London, Ontario, to discuss the problem of ensuring adequate supplies of bacon, cheese and other agricultural products for the British markets. Allied with this question of paramount importance at this time, will unquestionably be discussions of the farmers' claim of producing under conditions of increasing costs and decreased prices. Undoubtedly farming difficulties will be debated freely on the floor of Parliament when the session reconvenes next month.

Rowell-Sirois Report

On Tuesday next, the 14th, representatives of nine Provinces and of the Dominion will hold their first meeting on the Rowell-Sirois report. The chamber of the House of Commons was chosen for the first meeting, because it afforded a fitting background for constitutional discussions which may be historic. The Imperial Conference of 1932 held some of its meetings in the same chamber. It is of course not at all clear whether the waters of the conference will be rough or smooth from the beginning, but not the slightest doubt is entertained here that every delegation will keep everything of a partisan nature out of the deliberations. The report will be considered solely on its merits.

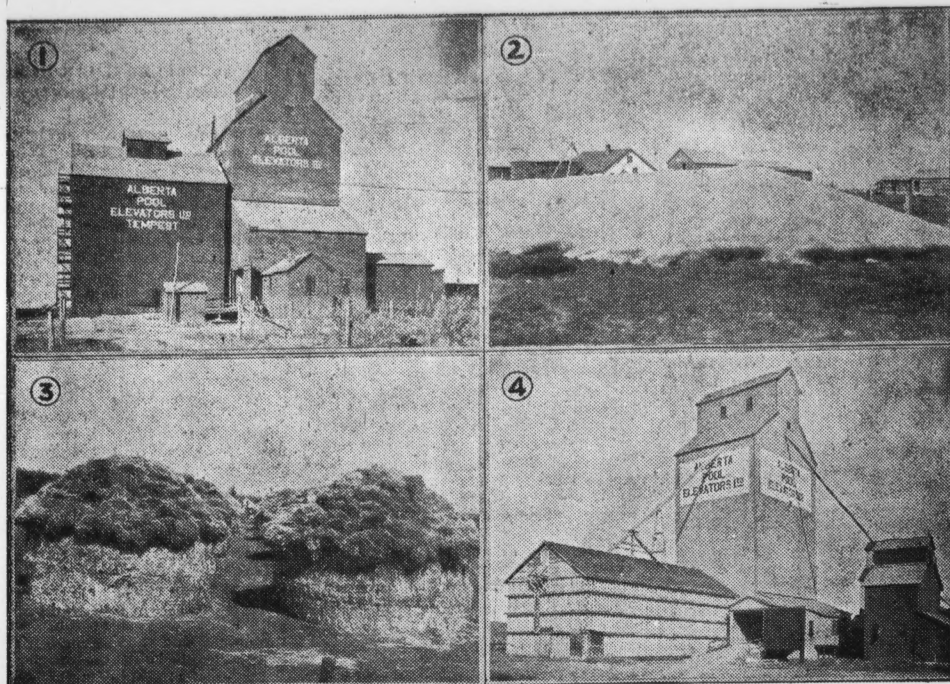
This does not mean that there will not be sharp differences of opinion. From present indications it would seem that in addition to the Dominion, Quebec and the Maritimes are favorably disposed in general to the report's recommendations. This is even more certainly the case with Manitoba and Saskatchewan. British Columbia has registered certain special claims attached to a fairly general but not unequivocal approval; Alberta's government seems pretty generally opposed, with independent groups registering approval of the recommendations, while the attitude of Ontario remains uncertain.

The voice of Ontario will likely carry considerable weight. It is believed that guiding factors in the discussions will be whether it will be proven to the satisfaction of the delegates that the suggested changes will genuinely aid the war effort through strengthening the financial system of the Dominion and Provinces and what will be the effect of the changes on the autonomy of the Provinces.

St. Lawrence Waterway

It is expected that almost any day now an agreement will be reached on the St. Lawrence waterway project. If it takes the form of a treaty it will have to be ratified by the United States Senate; if it is a legislative measure both houses of congress will have to approve. In the case of Canada, Parliament will have to pass upon the agreement whatever its form may be. The 1932 treaty was not approved by the U.S. Senate, but there is a general belief that with the power end of the project forming a part of the general defence program the same stiff opposition is not likely to be encountered there.

Wheat Congestion in Alberta



1. Forty-one thousand bushel Alberta Pool Elevator at Tempest and "cribbed annex" which will hold 40,000 bushels, giving a total storage of 81,000 bushels.
2. Wheat piled in the open by M. Stanko, farmer at Coaldale.
3. "Straw bins" constructed by H. Perry, of Chin, Alberta. Each bin holds 1,000 bushels.
4. Alberta Pool Elevator at Coaldale, showing "bull pen annex", which holds 32,000 bushels. As the elevator has a capacity of 90,000 bushels, total capacity is 122,000.

This year Canada produced a wheat crop of 547,179,000 bushels, and the prairie provinces production was 520 million bushels. The wheat output in Alberta was 190 million bushels, the largest in the history of the province.

As the Canadian carryover from last season was 800,741,062 bushels, total supplies are around 847,920,062. Domestic utilization is estimated at 130 million, and probable exports at 180 million, a total of 310 million bushels. This leaves the prospective carryover at the crop year-end on July 31st, 1941, at 537,920,062 bushels.

This situation is overwhelming storage facilities in Canada and backing wheat up onto the farms. Elevator organizations have been extending storage facilities by erecting additional structures and farmers have been providing storage on their farms.

The "straw bin" illustrated above is constructed with hog wire and sheaves, and is said to be absolutely weather-proof.

COLORED GASOLINE

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respects into effect but in this representation we are dealing with the question from the point of view of the farmers only.

"We first wish to commend the present government on replacing the old rebate system with the coupon method. It has enabled farmers hard pressed financially to use to the maximum their available cash resources for purchase of fuel oils instead of tying up an additional 25 per cent to 30 per cent of their outlay until the six cents per gallon was returned.

Basis of Opposition

"Our opposition to the coloured gasoline method of giving tax exemption is based on the following considerations:

"(1) We in Canada along with the rest of the British Commonwealth of nations are at war. We believe that our capital and labor as a nation should be conserved and should be devoted to the winning of the war to the maximum while preserving our liberties and continuing to build our democratic institutions here at home. These considerations apply especially to the steel industry with its highly skilled labor. To institute the colored gasoline method of tax exemption means the spending of hundreds of thousands of dollars on storage and other oil distributing facilities for purposes not vitally necessary.

Consumers Must Ultimately Bear Burden

"(2) The expense entailed by the

oil industry will ultimately come from the pockets of the farmer and other consumers. It may not result in immediate higher prices for tractor fuels; but it will undoubtedly arrest any tendency there may be to lower price levels for petroleum products, which means the same thing.

"(3) The coloring of five grades of fuel oils for tax free identification will make it increasingly difficult for farmers to determine the specific gravity, octane rating and general utility of the fuels offered them for sale, subjecting the farmer consumer to an even greater extent than previously, to mixing on the part of some unprincipled dealers and agents.

"(4) The necessity for carrying so many varieties of fuel oil at every agency will seriously hamper the work and tax the facilities of oil agents. This will be particularly true where barrels are scarce at inland points and at the agencies of the smaller distributors.

Burden on Taxpayer Also

"(5) The system of checking involved will increase the necessity for police or other surveillance, creating thereby additional public expense, which after all comes out of the taxpayer or consumer.

"(6) We realize that the object of this change of policy on the part of the Alberta Government is to minimize tax evasion and to secure more revenue. It has been pointed out that in Saskatchewan, the only other Province in Canada using the colored gasoline method, the revenues of the Provincial Government increased substantially

when the change was made. We would suggest that the period prior to the introduction of the purple gasoline was one of extraordinary drought, and that in recent years the so-called drought areas of that province have enjoyed better crops. The change also coincided with an increase in the use of motor fuels for farm purposes. There has been an increase in gasoline tax revenues in the same period in Alberta.

"We trust that in view of the foregoing the Government of Alberta will defer action on this matter at least for the duration of the war."

Some Provisions of New Order

The order-in-council passed December 31st provides that until such time as the colored fuel oil is available for distribution, the full tax of seven cents shall be paid on fuel oils purchased for farm work, the purchaser having the right to apply subsequently for the rebate.

Power is given to every police officer and every person duly authorized by the Department and such inspectors as may be appointed, to examine the fuel oil in the fuel tank or fuel system of any motor vehicle and to take a sample thereof.

It is provided that Versol, Solvent Naphtha, Stoddard's Solvent and Kerosene for illuminating purposes shall not be considered fuel oil for the purposes of the regulations.

It is anticipated that the new order will be fully discussed at the coming Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in Calgary.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

We wonder when the C.B.C. will stop announcing: "All times mentioned are Eastern Daylight Saving time"? Maybe that's the C.B.C.'s idea of wartime efficiency.

Or perhaps down in Ottawa they're so often asleep at the switch that they don't know what time it really is.

Paradoxical as it may sound, declares the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, even a deaf woman can hear the whisper of scandal.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Blitzkreigs notwithstanding, Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says face powder has knocked more men over than gun powder.

GOOD-BYE!

Kiss me again . . .
It is such pain
Loving you dear.
Oh, how I fear
To let you go;
I love you so.
Why should I dread? . . .
I saw you dead,
Dear, in my dreams . . .
How real it seems!
God, what a price!
You . . . I . . . Sacrifice . . .
Yes, Love, I know
I must let you go—
No, I won't cry . . .
Kiss me! Good-bye . . .
Dear heart, good-bye!
. . . God, don't let him die.

Noted U.S. judge insists that he won't let the divorce law be turned into a joke. Why not? The people who use it have already made a joke of marriage.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Chuck of Chuckawalla insists that he knows a gal who is so dumb that

when he took her to the races she wanted to bet on the well known nightmare.

TODAY'S BRIGHT OOZE
One of the easiest things to get stung by is a May-Be.

You may be up to your neck in trouble but don't duck.

ALONE

And I said, to myself, "Why you're all alone". A strange, dread pulse within me throbbed—for I knew it at last, I was alone. Alone in a house full of silence, and sound comes from silence too deep to be probed. But it wasn't the house full of ominous hush that brought forth the chill, forboding of life. No, it wasn't the house! It was me, just myself, for I was alone—not the house.

—Margaret.

Postcard from Cynical Gus, who spent a lonely Christmas, intimates that sometimes it's home that causes a man to wander away from it.

And then Sophisticated Sally chimes in to remark that it's no wonder a woman nurses a grouch when she waits on a sick husband.

AND HOW!

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that, even in peace time, when a pretty girl blushes, many a man will answer the call to the colors.

Oh, hum, murmurs N.L.D. of Mayerthorpe, when a woman takes in washing for her neighbors, that's work. When she does it for her husband, that's love.

Funny guy Hitler! He drops bombs on Londoners to burn 'em down, only to find that they're now burning up to get at him.

War Brings Serious Problems to Swedish Agriculture Today

Recent Drastic Action Centres Attention on Difficulties of Northern Democracy

A recent despatch to the effect that some weeks ago the Swedish Government expropriated all stocks of grain of 220 pounds or more, for other than human consumption, emphasizes the effect of the war on Swedish agriculture.

To maintain supplies of needed commodities and to distribute them on an equitable basis have presented many problems, and regulations have been made to meet them, with a view to ensuring sufficient exports of the country's surplus products and preventing the dislocation of exchange by too large imports.

Both exports and imports have of course fallen off drastically, due to the blockade and the dangers of shipping.

Embargoes on Exports

Embargoes were placed on the export of vegetable oils and tobacco (some coarse leaved tobacco is grown) shortly after the war broke out, and the Government took over all stocks of bran, oats, soap, margarine, vegetable oil, wheat, rye, cotton, wool and molasses; and now even small stocks of grains have come under government control. The sugar industry is controlled altogether by the Government. According to *Foreign Agriculture*, of Washington, rationing is in effect for sugar, coffee, tea, cocoa, margarine, bread, flour, pork products, soap and petroleum products.

Short of Petroleum Products

The shortage of petroleum products of course affects those farmers who

Some people even expect to find something in empty compliments.

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

Nunno, Algernon, certainly not. Our police reporter informs us that it is not correct to suppose that the public executioner wears a hang-dog look.

Why should he? His customers are constantly getting in the noose.

Chicago burglar has been awarded the stiff penalty of ten years in the pen. That comes of taking things easy.

The guy who wrote that the "pun was the lowest form of wit" never had a chance to listen to Woodhouse and Hawkins on the radio. Keep it up boys, and more power to you.

OH, VERY WELL THEN

Boy, quick, gimme a sentence using the word fender. "All right Margaret I'll be waiting for you in the garden fender moon is shining bright."

News dispatch indicates that they intend to revive the cock-roach race in New York this year. That ain't cricket.

She was only a strangler's daughter, but she knew how to choke off the boys.

ONE FOR ENGLISHMEN

She said she was so hungry she could eat a horse, but she only cost him a pony.

U.S. paper is looking for a name for a prize egg. And sweet Betty Copley rises to remark that's easy. She's been out with dozens of 'em.

Oh, well, you can't judge a jane by the engagements she breaks.

ONCE ON BOARD THE LUGGER AND THE GIRL IS MINE!

Alberta Has Fine Record

During the last thirty years wheat championships awarded at the International show in Chicago have come to Canada 26 times. Alberta has secured the championship 13 times (eight times in the last ten years), Saskatchewan 11 times, Montana four times, Manitoba once and British Columbia once.

Retail sales in Canada are estimated by the Royal Bank to have increased by about 11 per cent in 1940 over the previous year.

By a vote of six to two, the U.S. Supreme Court recently ended the famous Appalachian company test case, in the courts since 1926, by ruling that this private power company must obtain a Federal license for its power plant on the New River, in Virginia. The legislation defied by the power company was enacted in 1920, and provided that licenses from the Federal Government must be secured for power development, such licenses to have effect for a maximum of fifty years. All but one of the judges upholding the legislation were appointed by President Roosevelt.

use power machinery. Wood and charcoal gas generators will shortly be used on many tractors and trucks, and it is reported that a German-made tractor, burning turpentine for fuel, has been introduced into the country.

While Sweden has of late years become nearly self-sufficient in the matter of bread grains, importing only 2 per cent of her requirements during the years 1936-1938, the 1940 crop was poor, being little over 60 per cent of the average for recent years. Reserves are expected to be sufficient or nearly sufficient to feed the population until next harvest, but rationing has been introduced.

Minimum Wheat Prices

Minimum prices to farmers for wheat were set at \$1.62 per bushel, an increase over the 1939 price, which was \$1.40.

Feedstuffs are short; and if the blockade is continued, dairy production is expected to drop 20 to 25 per cent, due to shortages of oilmeal and oil cake. Large quantities of margarine have been used in recent years, but fats and oils can no longer be imported, and manufacture of margarine has been practically discontinued.

As skim milk is used largely in feeding hogs, a decline in dairy production will also affect hog production; grain shortages will be another serious handicap to the farmer who raises hogs, and forced slaughter to save feed may be the result.

Expect Livestock Slaughter

Great Britain was formerly Sweden's best customer for pork and dairy products, but since Germany controls the waters surrounding Sweden this market is of course cut off; and imports of fats, fertilizers and concentrated feeds have also been prevented. The slaughter of livestock, anticipated as a result of feed shortage, may be carried to a point where not only will no exports be possible but domestic consumption will have to be curtailed—in other words, the standard of living will be lowered.

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As was indicated at the opening of the 1940-41 season, the Alberta Senior hockey loop is about the most closely contested league you could name. At present Lethbridge is leading with the other three teams just a few points behind the leaders which makes things very interesting to say the least. Only a dyed-in-the-wool gambler dare even a small wager on a game. The sad part of the whole situation is that only three teams can make the play-off. So the battle, not to be that unfortunate fourth, promises to be a dilly. Eddie O'Keefe, fiery pace-maker of the Edmonton Flyers, leads the point-getters in a league which has so far produced plenty of high scoring games.

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In the National Hockey circuit, Toronto and Detroit seem to be waging a private battle for top position. The lowly Amerks, although they have shown considerable improvement lately, still sit in the cellar. Red Dutton seems to be having a bit of trouble getting his Rookies organized this season, but I have a hunch that there are a few surprises to come from that star spangled club.

Bill Cowley of Boston so far has the greatest number of points to his credit while the recent spurge by Rangers' Phil Watson places him second in the race. Bryan Hextall of the Rangers is head man at scoring goals and Calgary's Dave Schriner of the Leafs is next best net dinter.

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Calgary has again been named the Allan Cup play-off centre which goes to show that all Canada now acclaims the foothills city as the Dominion's real hockey town. Calgary's support of the puck and stick game is really a source of pride to Albertans and no doubt a source of envy to amateur leagues in other centres.

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Australians Plunge Into Drive on Fascist Stronghold



Less than a week ago the grand assault began on the Fascist base at Bardia, which Mussolini had spent four years in fortifying. Within a few days the operation was completed. Last Sunday the Italian flag was lowered over the post. The Fascist commander, bewhiskered General Bergenzoli, one time notorious leader of Fascist "volunteers" who helped to destroy the constitutional government of Spain, is missing and believed to have escaped with his staff, but the grand total of prisoners was raised by upwards of 30,000 in this one operation. Vast quantities of war equipment, including tanks and artillery and supplies of every sort, fell into the hands of the victors, whose losses are reported not to exceed 600.

Less than a week ago! Yet today advanced forces of the invading army are almost at the gates of Tobruk, almost 70 miles westward from Bardia. Tobruk's outer defences are being tested. Some 50,000 Italian troops reportedly constitute the defending garrison, whose line of retreat along the coast

road to the west is being shelled by the British fleet.

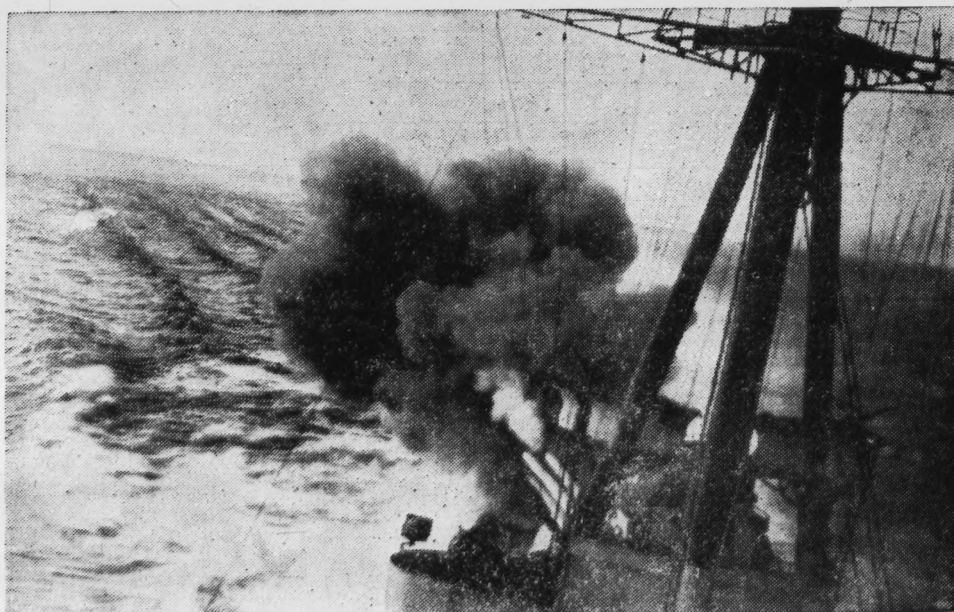
In the upper picture Australian tanks and infantry are seen as they waited for the word to go in the early stages of the drive. The lower picture shows how the Aussies, strung behind tanks, advanced over African sands.

Australian sappers prepared the way for the assault, blowing in the sides of tank traps and removing many obstacles. Then followed the main battle, British tanks leading, and behind them the Australian infantry, with dash, recalling the deeds of their fathers in the last war, closed with the enemy, and drove on into the port.

Bardia harbor is being used by the British navy, and will be a supply base for further operations. The R.A.F., and on the coast the Navy, played a big role in reduction of the Fascist stronghold.

Many Italian prisoners did not conceal their satisfaction that for them the war is over. The hearts of many were not in the dictators' war, though there were numerous instances of heroic resistance.

Own Censor Double-Crosses Duce



The Italian censor slipped when he released this picture. It shows a salvo fired from an Italian warship during the fight with part of the British fleet off Sardinia Nov. 27. It was a running fight. The question was, who did the running? The British

said the Italians fled when one of their cruisers was damaged. The Italians denied it. Here is the evidence—from the Italian warship's wake, it is apparent this salvo was fired over the stern at a British ship in hot pursuit.

Drowns When Plane Crashes Into Thames



In a crash over the Thames last Sunday Amy Johnson (Mollison) famous British woman flier, lost her life when she bailed out and fell into the river. The crash also cost the lives of two men, one of them her passenger, and the other Lieut.-Commander W. E. Fletcher, captain of the trawler *Hazelmere*, who made a vain attempt to rescue the passenger. Miss Johnson was not seen again after she sank into the water. She had been engaged recently in one of the most dangerous jobs in the air—flying planes towing targets for young men to shoot at with live bullets when learning to use their guns. Ferrying planes from factories to R.A.F. flying fields she had found too tame.

Hush-Hush in Washington



Cartoon posters after the British pattern, warning against idle gossip about U.S. defence plans have made their appearance at the war department offices in Washington. One of them is shown above.